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April 7, 2011

Mr. Mark Cowin
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Re: Prop 1E Stormwater Flood Management Grant (SWFM)
City of Rancho Palos Verdes – San Ramon Canyon Stormwater Flood Reduction Project

Dear Mr. Cowin:

Located in my congressional district, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes has long-sought to stabilize the San Ramon Canyon area from recurrent stormwater flooding that grievously affects two arterial roadways in the Palos Verdes Peninsula area. In order to mitigate this hazard to life and property, the City is an applicant for a Stormwater Flood Management Grant.

The alleviation of stormwater runoff from the San Ramon Canyon area is critical for the safety and transportation needs of the residents in the Palos Verdes Peninsula, and the contiguous Los Angeles County region. These roadways, Palos Verdes Drive East (PVDE) and Palos Verdes Drive South (PVDS) provide a secondary access route between the City of Los Angeles, the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, Interstate 110, and the regional Los Angeles County transportation system in the South Bay cities. Damage to PVDE and PVDS would curtail or prevent access to these routes for area residents and emergency personnel. As well as the 250 homes located in the area, more than 500 senior residents live approximately 270 feet immediately below San Ramon Canyon and within City of Los Angeles boundaries. Should the Canyon fail, these residents would be immediately affected and therefore most at risk.

I supported this comprehensive regional project by selecting it for a federal funding appropriation however such funding allocations have been canceled by the current Congress. In this circumstance, State funding of this project is the most viable course at this time.

I request that the application made by the City of Rancho Palos Verdes be afforded a thorough consideration and I encourage a favorable outcome.

My district director, Kathleen Staunton, is my point of contact for this project. You may contact me via her phone number, 714-960-6483.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dana Rohrabacher". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Dana" and last name "Rohrabacher" clearly legible.

Dana Rohrabacher, M.C.
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March 25, 2011

Mr. Mark Cowin
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1416 9th Street, Room 1115-1
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Prop 1E Stormwater Flood Management Grant (SWFM)
City of Rancho Palos Verdes – San Ramon Canyon Storm Water Flood Reduction
Project

Dear Mr. Cowin:

I am writing to express my support for the San Ramon Canyon Storm Water Flood Reduction Project on behalf of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, California. Funds are needed to plan, engineer, and construct significant storm water flood management work to reduce the effects of on-going flood-related events and to stabilize Palos Verdes Drive East (PVDE) and Palos Verdes Drive South (PVDS) from catastrophic loss.

I have recently toured the canyon area, which has strengthened my commitment to this project. If PVDE and PVDS are compromised by storm water flooding/debris flow, an important secondary access route between the City of Los Angeles, Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, the 110-Harbor Freeway, and the regional Los Angeles County transportation system within the South Bay cities would be extremely restricted. These roads provide essential evacuation and emergency access to the Palos Verdes Peninsula and surrounding coastal cities. In addition, over 250 homes could be at catastrophic risk should an unusually heavy rain event occur, breaching a retaining wall on the south side of the canyon.

I urge you to join me in supporting this critical storm water management project by giving favorable consideration to the project during the Prop 1E grant evaluation period.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bonnie Lowenthal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bonnie" being more prominent than the last name "Lowenthal".

Bonnie Lowenthal
Assemblymember, 54th District



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DON KNABE
SUPERVISOR, FOURTH DISTRICT

April 1, 2011

Mr. Mark Cowin
Director
Department of Water Resources
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Dear Mr. Cowin:

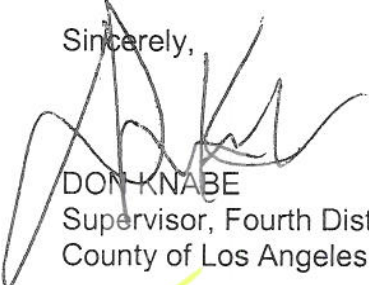
It gives me great please to write this letter to express my support for the San Ramon Canyon Stormwater Flood Reduction Project in the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. This Project will divert stormwater flooding and debris flow that have been a recurrent problem for Palos Verdes Drive South (PVDS) and Palos Verdes Drive East (PVDE). The Project will also mitigate serious erosion concerns associated with PVDE.

There is deep concern that if these roads are not renovated, the instability could cause future catastrophic roadway failure, potentially leading to loss/damages to properties and possibly lives. Both PVDS and PVDE provide a vital transportation link for local residents and contribute to the overall efficient circulation for local and through traffic. PVDE also provides access to critical staging areas for emergency personnel responding to wildfires. In addition, over 250 homes are at risk of serious damage should a heavy rain event cause a retaining wall on the south side of the Canyon to break.

The erosion of San Ramon Canyon has accelerated at an alarming rate since the 2005 storm events, resulting in a Presidential disaster declaration. Geologist and engineers have documented that the Canyon's streambed is now a mere 86 feet from one of two hairpin turns on PVDE. With erosion conditions accelerating, roadway failure is probable and in the event, reconstruction of this vital linkage would be impossible.

I strongly support the City of Rancho Palos Verdes' request for the Prop 1E Stormwater Flood Management Grant and I hope you will give positive consideration to their request.

Sincerely,



DON KNABE
Supervisor, Fourth District
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March 23, 2011

Mr. Mark Cowin
Director
California Department of Water Resources
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Re: Prop 1E Stormwater Flood Management Grant (SWFM)
City of Rancho Palos Verdes – San Ramon Canyon Stormwater Flood Reduction Project

Dear Mr. Cowin:

I support the city of Rancho Palos Verdes in their application for grant funding to help pay for the San Ramon Canyon Stormwater Flood Reduction Project.

Rancho Palos Verdes sits on a rugged peninsula that juts into the Pacific and is encircled by one principal transit route – Palos Verdes Drive – that connects four cities and thousands of residents. The city is seeking funds to plan, engineer, and construct significant drainage restoration work to mitigate stormwater flooding, improve water quality, and stabilize Palos Verdes Drive. During heavy rains, San Ramon Canyon typically experiences mudslides and flooding of such severity as to cut off portions of Palos Verdes Drive, denying residents access to the main arterial route.

Stabilizing this principal route through the peninsula will reduce the probability of a catastrophe with the potential to take lives, destroy homes, interrupt transportation, damage marine habitat, and compromise utilities, as well as increase emergency response time.

I urge your Department to give your fullest consideration to the request by Rancho Palos Verdes for Prop 1E funds to help in their effort to control flooding and stabilize this critical roadway.

Sincerely,

RODERICK D. WRIGHT
Senator, 25th District

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March 25, 2011

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**Re: Prop 1E Stormwater Flood Management Grant (SWFM)
City of Rancho Palos Verdes – San Ramon Canyon Stormwater Flood Reduction
Project**

Dear Mr. Cowin:

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) is pleased to support the City of Rancho Palos Verdes in their efforts to secure funding from the Prop 1E Stormwater Flood Management Grant program to help reduce stormwater runoff in San Ramon Canyon. Funding is needed to mitigate flooding and debris flows affecting two major arterials, Palos Verdes Drive East (PVDE) and Palos Verdes Drive South (PVDS), and over 250 homes that lie below the canyon.

One of the many objectives of the SBCCOG is to maximize the quality of life and productivity of the 16 cities and county area that encompass our region. This includes reviewing and supporting important integrated regional projects that affect areas in the South Bay. Currently, the City of Los Angeles (LA) and City of Rancho Palos Verdes (RPV) share the cost to clean up the stormwater runoff from the Canyon (owned by RPV) onto 25th Street (owned by LA). The homes in danger are also located in the City of Los Angeles, giving them a vested interest in protecting them. The County of Los Angeles is also involved through their regional effort in flood control planning.

The reduction of stormwater runoff from the San Ramon Canyon area is crucial for the safety and transportation needs of the residents in the Palos Verdes Peninsula. These roads act as a secondary access route between the City of Los Angeles, Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, Interstate 110, and the regional Los Angeles County transportation system

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within the South Bay cities. Damage to PVDE and PVDS would extremely restrict access to these routes for area residents and emergency personnel.

Additionally, more than 500 senior residents who live roughly 270 feet immediately below San Ramon Canyon and within the City of Los Angeles proper could sustain damage to their properties, and even loss of life.

For these reasons, the SBCCOG strongly urges your favorable consideration of funding for the City of Rancho Palos Verdes' effort to reduce stormwater runoff in San Ramon Canyon so that flood damage to these critical roadways and residential homes will be mitigated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy M. Mitchell".

Judy Mitchell, SBCCOG Chair
Councilmember, Rolling Hills Estates



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**Re: Prop 1E Stormwater Flood Management Grant (SWFM)
City of Rancho Palos Verdes – San Ramon Canyon Stormwater Flood Reduction Project**

Dear Mr. Cowin:

On behalf of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy (Conservancy), I am writing to express my support for the City of Rancho Palos Verdes' efforts to secure funding from Prop 1E Stormwater Flood Management Grant program to help reduce stormwater runoff from the San Ramon Canyon. Funding is needed to reduce flooding and debris flow that threatens streets and homes, as well as to reduce instream erosion and sedimentation, restore natural habitat, and improve water quality issuing into the ocean.

The mission of the Conservancy is to preserve undeveloped land as open space for historical, educational, ecological, recreational and scenic purposes. The Conservancy works cooperatively with the four cities in which the preserved lands are located: Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, and San Pedro (City of Los Angeles). In collaboration with these cities, we hold voluntary conservation easements and manage the public open spaces.

The San Ramon Canyon area encompasses 187 acres (160 acres located in RPV) of open space canyon and watershed area. We are excited to work as a partner with the City of Rancho Palos Verdes during their comprehensive stormwater flood reduction project to improve habitat restoration that will better support wildlife in the area. The Conservancy's work will include seeding and planting of native species along with invasive plant control.

We hope that you will join us in supporting the City of Rancho Palos Verdes in their efforts to reduce stormwater runoff in San Ramon Canyon, while at the same time restoring important habitat.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrea Vona". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andrea" and last name "Vona" clearly distinguishable.

Andrea Vona
Executive Director
Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy



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April 12, 2011

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REFER TO FILE: WM-7

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Dear Mr Cowin

**CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES
SAN RAMON CANYON STORMWATER FLOOD REDUCTION PROJECT
PROPOSITION 1E STORMWATER FLOOD MANAGEMENT GRANT**

The Los Angeles County Flood Control District supports the City of Rancho Palos Verdes' application for Proposition 1E Stormwater Flood Management Grant assistance. It is our understanding that the City of Rancho Palos Verdes' San Ramon Canyon Stormwater Flood Reduction Project will help mitigate serious flood risks involving long-term road closures and home losses in the areas of Palos Verdes Drive East and Palos Verdes Drive South. Further, the proposed project will help reduce stormwater runoff, in-stream erosion, and sedimentation in the San Ramon Canyon. In addition, the proposed project is included in the Greater Los Angeles Integrated Water Management Plan.

We are pleased to support this project and look forward to its development. If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Mr Gary Hildebrand at (626) 458-4300 or ghildeb@dpw.lacounty.gov

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director of Public Works

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